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Chief, Operations School

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Chief Instructor, Clandestine Services Review

Report on Clandestine Services Review No. 7

1. Clandestine Services Review No. 7 was run during the period 1-19 August 1955. There were 27 students in the course, of which 21 were from the DD/P and 6 were from the DD/S.

2. With one exception, the students again expressed their enthusiasm and appreciation of the course. As in previous courses practically all the students considered Clandestine Services Review No. 7 highly worthwhile and valuable. The one "dissenting opinion" was voiced by one of the students who felt that the course was "too low-level; more than disappointing." This was the only really negative critique in the past 6 runnings, but since it was vague in nature, did not state just what was wrong with the course and offered no constructive criticism, I feel it can be pretty well discounted.

3. Clandestine Services Review No. 7 was somewhat marred by falling in the middle of vacation time. A number of the scheduled speakers had to be replaced, and several of the substitute speakers were considerably below the usual high standard. One or two presentations had to be cancelled altogether. However, judging from the student critiques and my own observation, I feel that this last running was a success and achieved the stated objectives of the course, despite the minor difficulties mentioned above.

4. No particular phase or lectures of the course were singled out for special criticism, but as usual the "Programs" phase of the course received the most praise. There are no major changes contemplated for Clandestine Services Review No. 8, which is scheduled for the period 19 September - 7 October 1955. Attached are the final course critiques submitted by the students.

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